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TAGS: MOPS, MILI, SG, FR, CG

SUBJECT: TRANSPORT OF FRENCH LEGIONNAIRES TO CORSICA

REF: RADIO CONVERSATION BETWEEN 21AF AND DAKAR ALCE OF 21 MAY 78

- 1. SEVEN LEGIONNAIRES ARRIVED DAKAR AM 21 MAY 78 FROM KOLWEZI, ZAIRE ABOARD MAC C-141. THEY NEED TO GET BACK TO CORSICA SOONEST.
- 2. IMPERATIVE WE MOVE THE LEGIONNAIRES OUT ON C-141 RETURNING NORTH. THEY COULD RIDE RETURNING C-141 TO TORREJON AFB AND PICKUP C-141 GOING FROM TORREJON TO CORSICA. THERE IS A LEGIONNAIRE CAPTAIN IN CHARGE OF GROUP.
- 3. REF INDICATED TRANSPORT OF THESE MEN NOT POSSIBLE. I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THIS CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH THE NUMBER CONFIDENTIAL

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AIRCRAFT PASSING DAKAR FOR TORREJON. SITUATION SLIGHTLY EMBARRASING FOR US BECAUSE THE FRENCH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES ARE BEING VERY COOPERATIVE ON OUR ZAIRE AIRLIFT OPERATION.

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